

You've Got Mail!

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Idioms Match the idioms (イデオム, 慣用語句) on the right with their definitions on the left.

(1 point each) Score _____ /13

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| 1. ____ feel that your hopes were not met by someone or something | a. be in the same boat |
| 2. ____ be in the same situation, with the same problem(s) | b. have a lot in common |
| 3. ____ take a long time | c. before long |
| 4. ____ see someone or something for the first time | d. take ages |
| 5. ____ travel someplace | e. be disappointed by someone or something |
| 6. ____ feel afraid and a little excited about something | f. make a trip |
| 7. ____ be nervous | g. be nervous about something |
| 8. ____ be crazy, insane | h. be nuts |
| 9. ____ in a short time; soon | i. be on edge |
| 10. ____ be genuine and authentic | j. set eyes on someone or something |
| 11. ____ guess at something that has not been stated directly | k. be the real thing |
| 12. ____ ask for permission to marry someone | l. ask for someone's hand |
| 13. ____ be similar in many ways (to someone) | m. read between the lines |

B: Picture Order Today's article is about an email romance where two people meet and fall in love by exchanging email. Look at the pictures and try to put their love story into the correct order.



1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____

Reading Activities

A: Listening

Listen to your teacher read today's article and put the pictures above into the correct order. Then, with your group, read the article out loud and check your answers from Activity B above.

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____

(1 point each) Score _____ /8

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PHILADELPHIA, PA, USA Until recently, Figen Gencosmanoglu, 36, was living in Trabzon, a small town in Turkey. Dan Haigh, 42, was in Philadelphia. Both were in the same boat - divorced and lonely. They met on the Internet and started e-mailing each other. Figen told Dan all her secrets. "He was so far away, he seemed unreal," she says. "It was like talking to an advice column, but I knew we had a lot in common. Dan was soon e-mailing Figen three times a day - morning, noon, and night. Before long, he wrote, "I'm coming to Turkey." He hadn't even seen a picture of her!

Meanwhile, Figen got a photo of Dan in the mail. It took ages for her to open the envelope. She put it on her heart and repeated, "Oh, God, please God." She was already madly in love with him and didn't want to be disappointed by the photo. She was not.

A month later, Dan made the long and expensive trip to Trabzon, his first trip outside the U.S. He was nervous about the meeting. On the plane, his mother's words echoed in his head. "What are you doing? Are you nuts?" In Turkey, Figen was on edge too. "Aren't there any American women for him?" her parents had said. But when Figen and Dan set eyes on each other, they knew it was the real thing.

Dan researched Turkish marriage customs, and several months later went back to Turkey with his parents and formally asked for Figen's hand. "When you meet on the Internet, you begin as friends. You can really listen to the other person. You have time to think about their words and to read between the lines," says Figen, now living happily with Dan near Philadelphia.



B: Questions Read today's article carefully and answer these questions with your group.

1. Why were Figen and Dan *in the same boat*? (2 points each) Score ____ /14
2. What did Figen soon realize soon after she and Dan met on the Internet?
3. Why did it take ages for Figen to look at Dan's photo?
4. When Dan made the trip to Trabzon, how did he feel? Why?
5. What happened when Dan and Figen first set eyes on each other?
6. Why did Dan go back to Turkey later with his parents?
7. Why does Figen feel that dating on the Internet is a good thing?

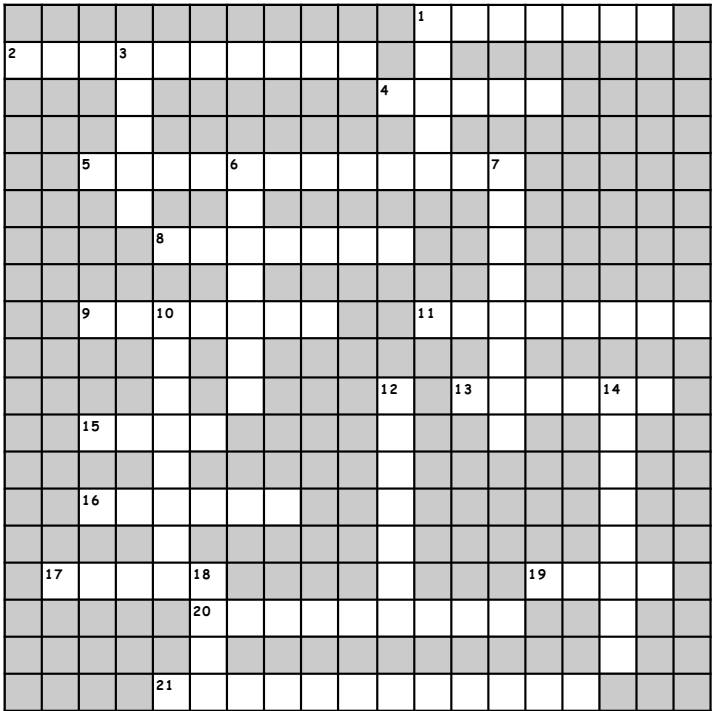
Post-Reading Activities

A: Idioms in Use Make sentences from the following idioms.

(2 points each) Score ____ /14

1. be in the same boat
2. have a lot in common
3. take ages
4. be disappointed with someone/something
5. be nervous about something
6. be nuts
7. before long

B: Crossword Puzzle Without looking at today’s article, use the clues on the right to fill in the puzzle. All the words are from the article.



- ACROSS
- 1 Same as "gladly"
 - 2 Studied about something
 - 4 Very much
 - 5 To be sad or upset
 - 8 Not calm
 - 9 People you like
 - 11 When two people decide to legally live together
 - 13 Something you don't tell anyone
 - 15 A long time
 - 16 To feel as if you are the only person
 - 17 January, July, October, etc.
 - 19 The middle of the day
 - 20 The opposite of cheap
 - 21 Section of the newspaper where people write about their problems

- DOWN
- 1 A pump for blood
 - 3 Electronic mail
 - 6 The children of your grandma and grandpa
 - 7 When a married couple separate
 - 10 A system of interconnected computers
 - 12 Traditional ways of doing things
 - 14 A cover for a letter
 - 18 The thing on top of your shoulders

(1 point each) Score ____ /21

C: Writing

Imagine that you have met an interesting person on the Internet. This person has asked you to write an email describing yourself – your personality, appearance, hobbies, etc. Write your reply in the space below.

Score ____ /10

C: New Words In the “Additional New Words and Expressions” section of your Reading Journal, add all the words you did not know in today’s worksheet.

When you are finished, check your own answers and write your scores!

Pre-Reading Activities

Activity A: 1. e 2. a 3. d 4. j 5. f 6. g 7. i 8. h 9. c 10. k 11. m 12. l 13. b

Reading Activities

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Post-Reading Activities

Activity B